

"you lying bastard! it was your dog!  
I saw it!"

"listen to me! let me explain!"

"explain what? you dirty rotten son of a bitch!"

"I picked the dog up off the street! he was going to get run over! I saved his ass, you damn fool!"

he didn't believe me:

"you dirty rotten fucking human being!"

"hey!" I screamed back at him, "pull on over and I'll rip your god damned head off!"

"o.k.!" he screamed, "o.k., I'll try you!"

he started to veer off the freeway and I followed him.

then his woman grabbed him by the arm and began talking to him.

he pulled his car out into the lane again and drove on.

I hit the gas and gained on him.

"what are you trying to do?"  
my woman asked.

"I want him to understand!  
they'll lay in bed tonight and talk about  
what a bastard I was!"

"Hank, he'll never believe you  
no matter what you say."

"all right, I guess you're right ...."

everybody was feeling bad.

then I drove past the exit I wanted  
on the freeway. my stars were surely  
out of order for that  
day.

#### THE BEAST

it was on Western avenue  
last night  
about 7:30 p.m.  
I was walking south  
toward Sunset  
and on the 2nd. floor of

the motel across the street  
at the apartment in the back  
the lights were on  
and here was this man  
he must have weighed 370 pounds  
he was 6 and one half feet tall  
and 4 feet wide  
and his arm reached out  
and he rather lazily punched  
a naked woman in the face.  
another woman stood up  
and this woman was clothed  
and he gave her a whack across  
the back of the neck.  
then he punched the naked one  
in the face again.  
he seemed bored.  
then I saw him walk to the window  
and open it.  
he had a roasted chicken in his  
hand.  
he put it to his mouth  
bit out half the side  
and began chewing.  
he chewed a minute or  
two  
then he spit the bones  
out the window  
I could hear them clattering  
down on the  
sidewalk.

god jesus christ oh mighty,  
mercy!

I saw him looking down at me  
and I quickly moved forward  
ducking my head down  
into the night.

#### HE USES UNWAXED DENTAL FLOSS

the strangler has  
murdered and sexually molested  
eleven young girls in the  
Los Angeles and Hollywood  
areas.

it is now 5 days before Christmas  
for him